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In re :
Ritzeler et al. :
Application NO. 10/627,978 : LETTER REGARDING
Filed: July 28, 2003 : PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Atty Docket NO. 02481.1737-01 :
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This decision is in response to applicants' "NOTICE OF ERROR IN THE DETERMINATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT" filed on December 30, 2005 requesting that the Office review the PTA calculation . ninety-six (96) days to a determination of one hundred and thirty-three (133) .

The Office thanks applicants for their good faith and candor in bringing this issue to the attention of the Office.

Applicants letter regarding PTA is granted. The office will adjust the PTA determination at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance from a determination of 27 days to a determination of 0 days.

Applicants assert that the Office erred in assessing twenty-seven (27) days of administrative delay against the Office for the non-final rejection mailed on July 8, 2005. Applicants assert that the Office erred in that the amendment was filed on May 26, 2005, not July 8, 2005. Applicant asserts that the non-final rejection was filed within four months of applicant's amendment of March 1, 2005.

Applicants' arguments are persuasive. The record does reflects that the Office mailed a non-final rejection on May 26, 2005, not the date of July 8, 2005 that was entered into PALM. Because the mail date of the non-final rejection was May 26, 2005 the Office complied with the requirement of 37 CFR 1.702(a)(2). The errant PALM entry caused the Office to determine that the Office had delayed by a period of twenty-seven (27) days. Accordingly at the

time of the mailing of the notice of allowance, there was no delay by the applicants or the Office.

After the mailing of this decision, the application will be forwarded to the Office of Patent Publications for a prompt issuance of the patent.

Any delays in issuing the application more than 4 months after payment of the issue fee and other requirements being satisfied will be reflected in the issue notification letter mailed approximately three weeks prior to issuance of the application.

The Office has not assessed the \$200.00 fee for the submission of this letter regarding PTA because this letter was a letter of good faith and candor.

Any questions concerning this application should be directed to Kery Fries at 571-272-7757.



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cc: Adjusted Pair Calculation

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PALM INTRANET**PTA Calculations for Application: 10/627978**

Application Filing Date:	07/28/2003	PTO Delay (PTO):	27
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	0
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